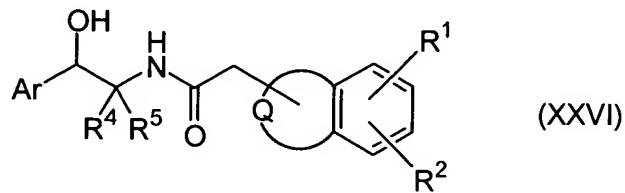


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**Page 30

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9, through line 15, with the following new paragraph:

As an alternative to Process (a), Process (b), Process (c) and Process (d), the compound of the formula (I-a) may be prepared by reduction of a compound of the formula (XXVI):



(wherein R¹, R², R⁶, R⁷, R⁴, R⁵, and Ar are as defined above, Q is the same as defined in the compound of the formula (I) except that W is replaced by a group of the formula: ArCH(OH)CR⁴(R⁵)NHC(=O)CH₂-).

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2, through line 13, with the following new paragraph:

Relative divergence between EC₅₀ value of human β3-stimulating activity and EC₅₀ values value of positive chronotropic effect of the some compounds of the Examples (relative values when the value of the reference compound (AJ 9677) is counted as 1)

The compound of Example 14:

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| The compound of Example 73: | 77 |
| The compound of Example 76: | 300 |
| The compound of Example 114: | 230 |
| The compound of Example 121: | 78 |
| The compound of Example 150: | 470 |
| The compound of Example 154: | 90 |
| Reference compound (AJ 9677): | 1 |